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FROM THE RURAL DISTRICTS

OROMOCTO HONORS

ROBERT B. SMITH

Well Known Millman Accorded Grand Reception on His Return From the West.

The citizens of Oromocto gave full sway to their feelings Monday night on the occasion of Mr. Robt. B. Smith, manager of the River Valley Lumber Co.'s return from Alberta where he and his family had been staying, he having been advised to try that climate for the benefit of his health. Mr. Smith, since he came to this town two years ago, has been the means of causing quite a stir, in fact Oromocto has taken on quite a new lease of life. His admirers say "he's boomed the town."

His friends last fall induced him to run for councillor with the result that he and his colleague were elected with a big majority, hence the enthusiasm shown on his return.

At a central point in the town the crowd met, formed a procession of two's with lighted torches and marched to Robt. B. Smith's new residence with cheers, singing, He's a Jolly Good Fellow, Home Sweet Home and Auld Lang Syne. On quiet being restored the well known and popular resident, Thos. J. McElroy, read an address which was cheered to the echo. Mr. Robt. B. Smith and his lady friends were quite taken by surprise at the jubilation, but Mr. Smith stepped forward and in a few well chosen words expressed his appreciation of the kindness and honor done him.

Next and in good order the fireworks were discharged and as the rockets soared to the sky many were the "Oh's" and "Ah's" that gave a good wind up to a good evening's general enjoyment. The procession formed in line and marched back singing "He's a jolly good fellow."

The writer for the benefit of those that were not there, took the trouble to get a copy of the address like-voice a verse that was sung to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne" Of the latter the less said the better as the maker is of a very modest disposition.

Address presented to Rob't B. Smith:

We, your friends and well wishers are assembled here tonight to extend to you and your wife, our heartiest congratulations on your return to your home and the place that has been so richly benefited by your la-

bors.

We offer you the warm hand clasp of friendship and all unite in thanking the Giver of all good things that He in His wisdom has extended to you the greatest blessing of all that incomparable treasure, good health. Long may you enjoy it, and live to occupy the prominent position of Oromocto's Pioneer of her future prosperity.

Your genial manner and good business ability has benefited many of us, and has commanded the respect of us all. You may accumulate wealth but you can only get by your intrinsic worth what we confer on you, the name "A Good Man" and so say we all.

The citizens of Oromocto.

THE PARODY.
We're here tonight to celebrate Rob't Smith's return to town, He is the man that's helped us all And on him no one will frown.

When voting time comes around again

No man we'll know that's fairer.

We all agree that he's to be

Our Liberal Standard Bearer.

THE BARONY.

March 9.—Miss Belle Porter, who has been spending the winter in Fredericton, has returned. She is very much improved in health.

Samuel Davidson made a business trip to Fredericton this week in the interest of the Hilyard Lumber Co.

Joseph Rosborough spent Sunday with Tyler Roach at Scotch Lake.

Miss Gertrude Tibbitts, of Andover, is spending some weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Clarence Haugh.

Mr. John Haugh is still confined to his bed. His condition remains about the same.

Mrs. Fred Ebbett has gone to Woodstock, to spend a few days with her daughter, who is matron of Dr. Prescott's Private Hospital.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Haugh, who have been very ill, are convalescing.

Mr. Kelly and son have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dow.

Miss Tibbitts was the guest of Miss Ebbett on Friday.

The remains of the late Mrs. Jas. Duncan were interred in the Barony cemetery today. She was one of the most highly esteemed and consistent members of the Presbyterian church. An impressive service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Girdwood, and suitable music was rendered by the choir.

Mrs. Barry Courser has been visiting Mrs. Cahill Haugh.

Nov. 12.—Miss Gertrude Tibbitts has gone to Christies' to visit her aunt, Mrs. Hagerman. She was accompanied by her uncle, John Anderson, jr.

NEWS OF SPORT

WISCONSIN CREW TO TAKE EXAMS ON TRAIN

Was there ever a more obliging set of educationalists than those composing the faculty of the University of Wisconsin? Those learned and equally amiable gentlemen seem imbued with that spirit of sweet reasonableness which one of our poet-philosophers held in such high esteem. The students of Wisconsin have always been strong at the oar, and in accordance with their practice they wish to send a crew to the big Poughkeepsie regatta to be held next June. Unfortunately the regatta is held at examination time and in order that the student oarsmen may take their examinations and so not lose their year and also row in the regatta, they are to be permitted to take their examinations on board the train en route.

These examinations ought to be the greatest tests of mental concentration on record. If these students can shut out from their minds the excitement of the journey and the thoughts of the races they are on their way to participate in, and solve correctly their problems in trigonometry and make a fairly intelligible translation of Cicero's arguments in defence of Milo, they will certainly be intellectual giants. As the train whirled along the minds of the Wisconsin students may be on their exams, but their hearts will certainly be with the waters of Poughkeepsie.

JOE PAGE TO HAVE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE

Joe Page, who is well known throughout New Brunswick on account of his connection with semi-professional baseball in St. John and with speed-skating in the same city, will again be in semi-professional baseball in Montreal and vicinity.

The Montreal Star says: "Joe Page announces that he will again form a small baseball league, which may in all probability take in players and teams from several towns of the province."

"He has usually been very successful with these organizations in the past and they have been the cause of many an unknown player of ability being brought before the public and before the men who are looking for promising youngsters that may blossom out into first class stars."

"The preliminary work will be commenced soon, and everything looks favorable to a busy season."

JACK JOHNSON SCORES IN PULPIT

St. Paul, March 16.—Among the local residents of color, the most discussed topic outside the spring styles in yellow shoes, is the sermon of the Rev. Doctor Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight pugilist, delivered before the congregation of the St. James' African Methodist Episcopal Church from the text, "The Influence of My Mother." All the Africans with admission money paid roundly to hear the sermon of the Rev. Doctor Johnson, which he preached from the pulpit of the church to aid the brethren in taking the Indian sign off the edifice which has been looming up in the form of a church debt.

HIS FIRST INSPIRATION.

In the course of the secondly, thirdly and fourthly of the discourse, the volunteer parson added these thoughts:

"My mother's teachings to me when I was a kid and the things she had to do without to keep me in school even the few years I did go are what first inspired in me the ambition to succeed."

"When I first broached the prize fight idea to her she didn't like it, but when I showed her that it was a business proposition, she said, 'Go ahead and win,' and following her suggestion, I have done my best."

There was no suggestion that Johnson would take to the cloth permanently in the event of voluntary or enforced ring retirement.

The championship opening is just 28 days away.

Fred Ebbett has gone to Meductic to visit his niece, Mrs. J. H. Gerow, Mrs. Ebbett, who has been spending a few days in Woodstock, will return with him.

The young people have been enjoying the skating on the lake. When this is not favorable they attend the rink at Hawshaw, which is under the management of W. B. Ebbett and John Sharp.

TEMPERANCE VALE.

March 15.—We congratulate The Mail on its first appearance and hope it will be helpful as an honest, upright and reliable paper, and fill a long felt want.

The snow is gliding slowly away in this section, and much bare ground is the order of the day.

The parish assessor, is making things quite lively in this part of the parish, and not a few are very

BOWLING TOURNAMENT FINISHED

Detroit, March 16.—The tenth bowling tournament of the American bowling congress ended today with Detroit men shooting two men and individual events. The five man teams finished last night leaving only the two minor classes for today.

Detroit, March 16.—The scores in the two-man events have not come up to expectations and are considerably below the marks that took first place in the tournament at Pittsburgh last year. The individual leader is one pin ahead of the 691, which won in 1909.

JOHNSON TO TRAIN NEAR SAN FRANCISCO

Chicago, Ill., March 16.—Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion, will establish his training camp at Oceanview, San Francisco, while preparing for his encounter with James Jeffries on July 4th. This is according to an announcement made yesterday by the negro champion after nearly every spot on the Pacific coast had made some kind of an offer in an attempt to have him pick the "one best" as the place to do his training when he arrives in California about the middle of May. about ten miles on the road for the purpose of keeping down flesh. This will be a daily occurrence from now on, until he takes up the real grind at Oceanview.

BASEBALL BRIEFS.

Manager Fred Lake, with several of his players, including Dave Shean of Arlington, "Cush" Cooney of Roxbury, and Billy Burke, the Clinton pitcher, and several newspaper men left Boston Monday for New York and the South where for the next two weeks the members of the Dove outfit will practice and get into shape for the coming strenuous season.

Pitchers Mattern, Wolfgang and Tuckey joined the squad at New York, and Moran will be picked up at Philadelphia.

Without Hans Wagner, Manager Fred Clarke of the world's champions, started on Monday for West Baden Springs, with the second half of his band. It had been confidently expected that the big fellow would sign his contract and go with the rest of the team but he didn't. It was announced that the big fellow had accepted the terms offered by Pittsburgh while in conference with Dreyfuss though he did not sign his contract.

It is estimated that no less than 150 major league ball players have spent a few days at the Arkansas Hot Springs this season.

Brooklyn has refused to waive on outfielder Jackson of Philadelphia, who has been working out at New Orleans.

Manager Jimmy Collins of the Providence Grays has been spending a few days at his home in Buffalo.

Mike Donlin says that he's signed a theatrical contract for a term of years and will not play any more baseball for the Giants or any one else.

ABOUT THE BOXERS.

Willie Fitzgerald and Young Erne have been matched to box in Philadelphia March 26.

Eddie McGorty of Oshkosh defeated Tom Lancaster in 20 rounds at Dublin the other night.

Young Kenny of Lawrence, will meet Al Rogers in one of the preliminaries to the Langford-Flynn bout in Vernon, Cal., this afternoon.

The reason given for Ketchel not being ready to meet Klaus is that Stanley has been spending his time dancing in Hot Springs ball rooms.

Young John L. Sullivan of Westfield, Mass., who has been across the water for several years, won another battle in Liverpool, Eng., the other night. He defeated Heathcote, an English boxer, in 20 rounds.

much against the new law.

Our member, Mr. J. K. Pinder, is wearing a sunny smile over the prospects of the spur line railway. We hope that he will be successful.

Our school teacher, Stanley Wright, made a visit to his home on Friday evening, remaining over part of the Sabbath.

It is expected that, with the aid of a field glass, we can discern Halley's Comet, but this report is not verified.

The Church of England choir practice is still kept up and much good is being done, as it has awakened many silent voices.

Wm. R. Pawcett, our bridge contractor, takes leave of his very young friends tomorrow, and will return to finish his bridges in Carleton county.

Our merchants are doing a very -[mp] eqp 3urapsuoc ssousnq poos ness of the season.

IS MR. TARGILINI THE COUNT OR NOT?

Mrs. Heins Says He is Not and Feels Hurt at the Suggestion that She Has Eloped.

New York, March 16.—A most perplexing tangle of cablegrams, custom laws, parental orders and red tape have got bound around the Count Arturo Targilini and Mrs. R. F. Heims, a fascinating blonde, both of whom arrived from Florence, Italy, on the Europa, Thursday.

When the vessel arrived the Count was held by the immigration authorities, who had been requested to take such action by the Italian Consul, who had received a cablegram from his father, saying that he wanted his son detained and returned to Italy.

There was no way to hold him except by diplomacy, as the young man is twenty-two years old, but the authorities persuaded him to remain on board the steamer through Wednesday night, and Mrs. Heims, in whose company at table the Count had spent considerable time on the voyage, decided to defer her landing.

The Count went over to Ellis Island with one of the consular representatives very early yesterday. Another cablegram had been sent to him, telling him that his mother was very ill and that his return to Italy was desired. He sent a message in answer telling his parents not to worry, that he will return soon. The Count has \$10,000 with him.

ESCAPES DUTY ON HER DIAMONDS

Mrs. Heims arrived at the Island a little later, and was requested by the authorities to pay duty on the fifteen thousand dollars' worth of diamonds she was wearing. There was no difficulty about Mrs. Heims being allowed to land, as she declared that she was the wife of an American dentist living in Florence. When she discovered that she was liable for the duty, she took advantage of the law governing non-residents, and said her husband had lived abroad more than three years. So she was not compelled to pay duty. The Count went up town with his friends and Mrs. Heims moved her luggage to St. Denis Hotel.

She was seen at the hotel last night by a World reporter as she was sitting down to dinner. She was accompanied by a young man who did not speak English, and whom she addressed in French. She denied that he was the Count. She declared she did not know the whereabouts of the Count. Mrs. Heims is a large, attractive woman of thirty-five. She was very well dressed. She wore, in addition to her fifteen thousand dollars' worth of diamonds a brown tailored dress, a mink coat and a fur hat with a bird of paradise upon it.

On the table were the various editions of the evening papers, and Mrs. Heims expressed herself as very much shocked by the statement that she and the Count had eloped.

SAYS HE IS NOT A COUNT

"He is not a Count at all," she said, "but the son of a wealthy and important man. I came over here because my mother is very sick out in Columbus, O., and so I took any boat I could. Mr. Targilini and I were the only first-class passengers upon it, and so it was natural we should be thrown in each other's company. But he is a mere boy. We were acquainted in Florence, it is true, but not intimately."

"I don't know why his father cabled for him to come home. You know the Italians are opposed to travel, perhaps that was it. He came over for business I think, and to have a little trip. He has some friends here in New York, one of them an antiquarian, I think."

"I have crossed the ocean twenty-four times and I never had any trouble before. I am going to Columbus tomorrow, and I feel dreadfully about it."

Mrs. Heims said her husband was not in Florence now, but was travelling for his health, that he did not practice dentistry, but used to do so. She declined to give the name or address of her mother and said that there was no use in bringing her into it.

DANISH EXPLORER DEAD

Copenhagen, March 16.—Commodore Havgard, the Danish Arctic explorer died today. Commodore Havgard figured prominently in the functions arranged in honor of Dr. Frederick A. Cook upon his visit to Copenhagen and he was one of the first to credit the claims of the American explorer. He was one of the speakers at a banquet given on Sept. 4. Following the rejection of Cook's claims by the University of Copenhagen the Danish explorer declared that though it had not been proven that the American did not reach the North Pole, he could regard Cook thereafter only as an imposter.

An article in the Boston Globe on "The Social Side of the Automobile" refers of course to the inside, and not to the side that the owner crawls under when something goes wrong with the mechanism. -Rochester Chronicle.

LIQUOR SPOTTERS VERY UNPOPULAR

(Special to The Mail.)

Cobalt, March 16.—Evidence of a feeling of animosity towards liquor informers was shown here yesterday, when several men took hold of a young man whom they believed to be an informer and searched him, and, after deciding that he was innocent told him that had they been satisfied he was a spotter they would have tied him to the rails of the Temiskaming and Northern Railway tracks in front of a train. Three men now under arrest in connection with the affair are accused of assault while others believed to have been implicated, are under surveillance.

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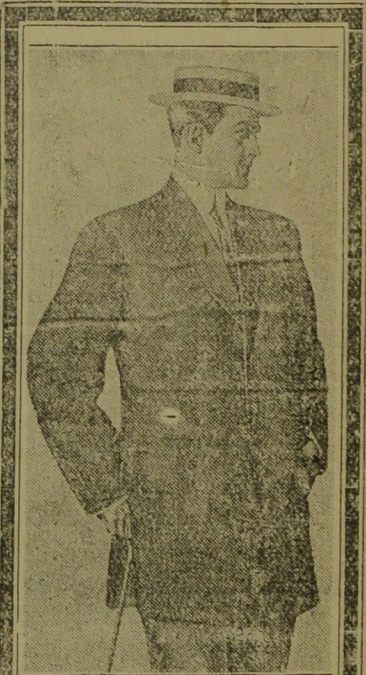
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